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DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		
International application No. PCT/EP03/05805	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/06/03	Applicant's or agent's file reference VUB-003-PCT (Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 03/06/02
Title of invention NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH-MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES		
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Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). (*This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.*)

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English.....

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (*that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT*)

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The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	PCT/EP03/05805	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only
Applicant's or agent's file reference	VUB-003-PCT	Date stamp of the IPEA
Applicant VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee	EUR 1.530,—	P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)	EUR 159,—	H
3. Total of prescribed fees <i>Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box</i>	EUR 1.689,—	TOTAL
MODE OF PAYMENT		
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Deposit Account No.: 280 200 68

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Date: December 23, 2003

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